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County council leader resigns

THE LEADER of Somerset County Council Ken Maddock has announced he is to stand down next month, in order to run for office to become the Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner.

Councillor Maddock has held the role of leader since the Conservatives won the local election in 2009 and announced his intention to seek the Conservative Party nomination to stand as Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset on Monday.

Successful candidates will stand in a regional election due to be held in November.

The PCC post is a new one, and the successful candidate will not be running the police but representing residents across the region to hold the police to account. According to the Home Office website the remit will be "to cut crime and deliver an effective and efficient police service within each force area".

Councillor Maddock commented: "Deciding to stand down as Somerset County Council leader has been a really hard decision, a real wrench, but the new police role is hugely important and influential. With my experience in commerce, in public service, and my contacts in local, regional and national politics I feel I have a lot to offer.

"I will do everything I can to ensure a smooth transition as I hand over. I have worked through some of the toughest financial times in several generations and am proud of the work we have done and the achievements we have delivered within those extremely difficult budget challenges."

Councillor Maddock's intention to resign will bring about a leadership election within the Conservative group of councillors and a successor will be approved through a vote at the council's annual meeting in May, when he will formally step down but will continue to represent his Mendip South ward as an elected council member.

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Extension can go ahead despite objections over walnut trees

By Alex Alexander

A £120,000 expansion of the Henhayes Centre in the middle of Crewkerne can go ahead — provided nearby walnut trees are protected during construction.

The scheme will result in a much-needed 17 per cent increase in the footprint of the centre, which hosts dozens of community events and social activities for the over-55s every month.

But the presence of walnuts nearly put the kybosh on the whole project when an arboreal expert objected in the strongest terms.

The un-named nut tree champion told colleagues in the South Somerset planning department: "I object on the basis that I believe it to be contrary to the council's aims to preserve trees in accordance with the objectives within Policy ST6 (The Quality of Development) of the South Somerset Local Plan 2006, the 2005 National Planning Policy Statement 1, Delivering Sustainable Development; Protection and Enhancement of the Environment [Sections 17 - 20]; and those statutory duties as defined within the Town & Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended)[1]."

The expert then outlined his concerns about "root protection area requirements", the lack of any "pre-application discussion about the trees"; the "renowned intolerance to surgery" of walnut trees; and the questionable use of "air spades" to dig exploratory trenches.

In a further damning comment, he stated that: "The applicant's consulting arborist has also made recommendations for costly tree works.

"The trees are not within the applicant's control, nor is it being suggested that the applicant would be prepared to accept the cost of such works."

Despite the torrent of objections from the enthusiastic arborealist, planners granted permission, provided steps are taken to "ensure the safety of adjacent trees".

• When town councillors considered the scheme in February — and signalled their warm support for it — Henhayes trustee and Chairman Rosemary Prince said it would prevent heat-loss from the building, make it less vulnerable to flooding, create extra storage capacity, and provide more space for activities.

The trustees are now seeking finance for the improvements.

■ **EXPANSION PLANS: Henhayes Centre trustee Chairman Rosemary Prince demonstrates where the new extension will be built, once funding is in place.**

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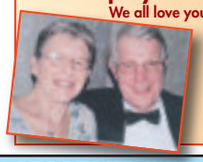

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Part of nature reserve handed over under squatter's rights

By Alex Alexander

A PATCH of Bincombe Beeches nature reserve - formerly believed to be publicly-owned - is being surrendered by Crewkerne Town Council under a "squatter's rights" deal worked-out by lawyers.

Civic chiefs this week "reluctantly" agreed to concede 50 per cent of a contested plot to a couple who live nearby.

The dispute has rumbled on for more than a year and has cost the public purse £16,000 in legal and other fees, according to town clerk Jeanne Warner.

The couple claiming "squatter's rights" will have to rip down a barbed-wire fence round the larger plot - little more than the size of a tennis court - and pay to re-erect it around the smaller patch, which is now agreed to be legally theirs.

The couple, Dr and Mrs N G Skinner, of East Street, Crewkerne, were understood to be abroad and were unavailable for comment as the ***Weekender*** went to press.

Crewkerne Mayor Neil Sturtivant outlined the terms of the deal when he read a prepared statement at an extraordinary town council meeting on Monday night.

He said: "The council received notice that a property on East Street had enclosed an area of council land within Bincombe Beeches and sought to be registered as owner of that land, claiming adverse possession - commonly referred to as squatter's rights.

"Conscious of its community obligations, the council sought advice to defend the application and called upon members of the public to assist with providing evidence.

"Only a small number of people came forward, to whom the council are most grateful.

"Evidence has been produced on behalf of the applicants that the land had been enclosed for the requisite period. However, the evidence from witnesses for the council contradicted the applicants' claim.

"The council was most displeased to receive the application and to have to incur expenditure of public money to reclaim its land.

"The council was also extremely disappointed that the first it heard of the application was from the Land Registry.

"It was obliged to investigate the merits of the application, thereby incurring significant costs.

"Although the council is a custodian of community land, it has an equally important duty to balance the value to the community of the land in dispute against the possible costs that it would incur in seeking to preserve it.

"The worst case for the council is if the adjudicator hearing the dispute finds in favour of the applicants and orders the council to pay the applicants' legal costs.

"With the benefit of legal advice, and following negotiations with the applicants, a compromise has been agreed in principle.

"I would recommend that members approve the terms."

Town clerk Jeanne Warner added: "Fifty per cent of the land will be passed over to the applicants and fifty per cent will stay with the council.

"The applicants will pay for new fencing and take down the old fencing."

Members unanimously backed the compromise, with Councillor Andrea Stuart summing-up the mood of the meeting: "I reluctantly vote in favour."

Revving up for four days of patriotic fun

SOMEONE local who helps celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee is in for an extra treat - a spin in Britain's funkiest four-wheel vehicle.

New details have emerged about Crewkerne's four days of fun and patriotic partying to mark the jubilee weekend in early June.

A group which includes councillors, town hall staff, members of CUDOS, local churches, the Henhayes Centre, the Open Garden Committee, Rotary Clubs and the Friends of St Bartholomew's have now agreed outline proposals for the Bank Holiday weekend festivities.

Four days of events are penciled-in for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, June 1st to 4th. And others will be announced shortly.

Programmes for the celebrations will be on sale from the beginning of May and will have a lucky number for a prize draw, with the top prize being a ride in an Ariel Atom automobile - courtesy of the Crewkerne-based company.

■ WHOOSH: An official Diamond Jubilee weekend programme will win one lucky punter an exciting ride in a Crewkerne-made Ariel Atom.

Confirmed events so far include:

BANK HOLIDAY FRIDAY

• School Olympics, organised by Bob Brunt, school sports co-coordinator, on Henhayes field from 10am to 3pm. Local schools will compete, with support from Crewkerne Rugby Club, Crewkerne Cricket Club, Chard Wheelers Cycling Club, Yeovil Olympiads Athletics, Crewkerne Running Club and Crewkerne Aqua Centre.

SATURDAY

• Afternoon fete on Henhayes field from 2pm to 5pm with lots of stalls and entertainment in the main arena, including children's races, Tai Chi, dancing and a Junior Town Crier competition.

• Free evening concert on Henhayes field, starting at 7pm and featuring local talent and community singing. The concert will close with a firework display.

SUNDAY

• A Bubbly Lunch being served at the Henhayes Centre by U3A. Tickets are available from the U3A at the centre.

Later on Sunday afternoon, Crewkerne Churches Together will hold a public Songs of Praise, with refreshments.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

• Open Gardens Day in and around Crewkerne with light refreshments being served at the Methodist Church in South Street.

• Evening dance in the Victoria Hall, with music by Bertie's Big Band. Tickets and further details from the Community Office.

The organisers of the celebrations are hoping to deck-out the town centre with festive flags and patriotic bunting and are appealing for suitable materials — especially any large sheets of material coloured red, white and blue.

Anyone who can assist should contact Annette at the town council offices, or ring her on (02460) 74001.

W news briefing

Who clears up the mess?

A CIVIC-minded citizen is urging fellow residents and businesses to take more pride in their environment - especially with the Queen visiting Crewkerne in the near future.

He is particularly concerned about the volume of litter, discarded cigarette-ends, and the mess left by weekend revellers.

In a letter to the town council, David Holmes said squalid streets left a very poor impression of the town.

He said: "Crewkerne is a tourist town. However, who keeps the main centre clean at the weekends?

"I thought South Somerset District Council did a litter pick-up on Saturday morning.

"But, do the team do this now? And what about Sunday morning? Does the town have to stay as it is after shoppers and visitors drinking the previous night?"

"Can we have some civic and neighbourhood pride in the lead-up to the Queen's visit at least?

"I'm not seeking any glory, but the town could look better if residents and businesses kept their patches clean."

Councillors echoed Mr Holmes' concern when they discussed his letter this week and praised his community spirit.

Several urged those with property fronting onto a street to keep their pavement scrubbed and litter-free.

Councillor Mike Best said: "The council needs to pass our thanks to Mr Holmes. I've seen him on numerous occasions with a bag, litter-picking."

Councillor Angie Singleton added that ABCD - A Better Crewkerne and District - is looking at starting volunteer litter-picking sessions around the town.

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Mayor hosts a showcase of young talent

THE VICTORIA Hall in Crewkerne was alive with a host of young local talent when the Mayor Councillor Neil Sturtivant hosted a showcase of music dance and drama.

The special night was held to show the degree of talent among local young people and to raise money for his chosen charity, the Parkinson Support Group.The cause is close to the heart of the mayor as his father-in-law died of the disease.

The programme for the evening, which was also attended by the mayors of Bridport, Chard and Ilminster and the town crier David Craner, started with a selection of Latin American pieces by the South Somerset Youth Orchestra. A variety of musical talent both vocal and instrumental was shown by groups and individuals from Wadham School and there was song and dance from various age groups from Stage4kidz.

Afterwards, Councillor Sturtivant said: "It was a great night and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. By the end I was speechless.There was some incredible talent and I think the local people should be proud of the talent they are fostering. I had so many people come up to me afterwards with positive comments.

"I would like to thank everyone who helped on the night and beforehand, including all the traders who donated the wonderful raffle prizes. We raised well in excess of £800 which we have made up to £1,000 because the cause has a deep meaning for us.

"I wanted this to be partly a showcase because young people are often tarred with the same brush, when it is only a few that do wrong.

"When the singers performed Hallelujah, it actually brought a tear to my eye - it was the song played at our wedding."

The Crewkerne and Villages Parkinson Support Group began as a result of a three people in Haselbury Plucknett - one of whom had the disease - meeting for coffee. When one of the other three, Patricia Pitts got home, she began to notice similar symptoms and was later diagnosed with Parkinsonism, a variant of the disease. Another suffer joined the group and it gradually grew into an official support group in 2003. For more information call Gerry on 01460 78956.

■ **WHAT A PERFORMANCE: The Mayor of Crewkerne, councillor Neil Sturtivant with performers from Wadham School and the Somerset Youth Orchestra** ***Photo by MARION DRAPER***

Good food at a great price five days a week

By Alex Alexander

FEELING peckish… but feeling the pinch?

Then a new "Recession Buster" meal-deal that has been cooked-up at the Henhayes Community Centre in Crewkerne could be just the answer for everyone with a rumbling tum!

The centre has just launched a daily treat for the taste buds that is proving popular with members and visitors alike.

Centre trustee Eileen Mills said: "We're now serving lunchtime meals on Mondays to Fridays, instead of on just three days a week.

"We are trying to accommodate people who can't or don't want to cook for themselves but they still want a wholesome meal, made from fresh ingredients and at a very reasonable price."

The first Recession Buster meals were served last week when 30 people sat down to an Easter lunch of roast beef and Yorkshire pud with three veg.

And the bill? Just £3.50 for Henhayes members (who pay annual subs of only £12 to belong) or £4.50 for non-members.

Eileen said: "We are offering great value meals because we're a community centre charity, not a restaurant, although we do like people to let us know they are coming."

She added that there are different meals every day of the month, with "themed" dishes planned for special occasions.

"All our meals are prepared daily in our own kitchen using fresh produce.

"We offer a traditional meal of the day, with a selection of vegetables, and alternatives are always available."

Diners can also choose from a selection of desserts (£1.50 for members; £2.30 for visitors).

More details are available by calling in to the Henhayes Centre, or by ringing (01460) 74340.

■ **GRUB'S UP: Head chef Caroline Parkman checks the cauliflower is ready to serve, while assistant cook Michael Wills and Eileen Mills look on**

■ CAN you spare a couple of hours at lunchtime, to help with the new lunch sessions?

The Henhayes Centre is looking for a few extra volunteers to welcome diners, show them to their seats, and help serve meals if necessary.

Organiser Maureen Spinney said: "We just want a few extra people to help out between 11.30am and 1.30pm on a couple of days — and it doesn't have to be every week."

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Group pressing for more station improvements

ONE of Crewkerne's youngest and most vibrant community groups delivered its first progress report at the annual Town Meeting earlier this month.

The Friends of Crewkerne Station, which is less than a year old and has just 50 paid-up supporters, has already secured noticeable improvements for rail passengers.

Chairman Tony Reese told councillors: "We need to support our station with a group of friends who can do things that the train companies won't do, and to be ready to lobby for the services and facilities that we want.

"The voice of local people is being heard. And South West Trains have begun to notice that customer satisfaction is not as good as it was.

"There will be a new franchise for our railway in 2017 and the government will be asking local groups what they think is important."

FOCS Secretary Gail Coleshill also addressed the meeting.

She said: "We are starting to have discussions with the county council, bus companies and taxi companies about improving services to train passengers and have been in touch with South West Trains about a marked taxi rank at the station.

"We have also responded to a consultation on the county-wide transport strategy and suggested that the new CLR housing development could include a parking area for travellers using the station.

"We believe that the rail service is very important for sustainable transport, the convenience of local residents and for the marketing of Crewkerne."

Family fundraiser in memory of Ruth

By Marion Draper

GLORIOUS sunshine greeted the Osborne family of Crewkerne and their supporters for the second Classics at the Mill fundraiser for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

The car show combined with family fun day at Haselbury Mill was bigger and better this year and attracted hundreds of people. There was a great variety of classic and a few vintage vehicles on display, together with a fire engine and motorcycles.

In the tithe barn there were stalls, refreshments and a grand raffle, whilea hog roast served by the Haselbury Mill staff, was gone in a very short time. The event was very busy, spread across the site and the Army Cadets did a fantastic job of marshalling traffic in the car park.

The show was started last year by members of the extended Osborne family, who all belong to Somerset Classic Minis, in memory of Ruth Osborne from Crewkerne who died of motor neurone disease aged just 51. It had previously raised just under £1,000 for the charity and this year's show added £1459.87.

Ruth's daughter Hannah who was the main organiser of the day was delighted with the response and would like to thank everyone who made it such a great day.

The wanted everyone to have a fun day but also to be made aware of the need to support funding for research into crippling progressive neurodegenerative disease.

■ ALL FOR RUTH: Family members and supporters fundraising in memory of Ruth Osborne

■ POINTING THE WAY: Clive and John Best at Classics at the Mill

■ GOING FAST: Haselbury Mill staff Alison Desborough and Michael Scarborough with Andy and Stephanie Osborne

Shabby chic comes to Crewkerne

TWO enterprising women are tapping into the growing popularity of "shabby chic" furniture and housewares.

Business partners Jackie Trickett and Glynnis Senior recently opened a shop with one aim in mind — helping others indulge their passion for china, furniture, glassware, accessories and curios dating from the late 1800s to the mid-1900s.

The pair hatched the idea for their aptly-named "Vintage Shoppe" when they bumped into each other at an auction in the town last year.

Jackie, who used to run an Isle of Wight gift shop, said: "We sell anything and everything — but our favourite is Art Deco furniture."

The pair obtain their wares from auctions around the region and house clearances. They attend up to half-a-dozen sales every month when suitable period pieces are up for grabs.

And when they buy suitable furniture that is beginning to look its age, they perform some "revamping" magic with a tasteful lick of pastel-coloured emulsion. And voilà!

Jackie said they strive to keep items as affordable as possible, with the biggest price last week pegged at £145 for an 80-year-old "shabby chic" sideboard.

As well as selling interesting items from yesteryear, the pair also hire-out period crockery for weddings, celebrations and special events.

Jackie said: "We help take guests back to a by-gone era with tables laden with vintage china, porcelain and glassware in colours to suit various wedding themes, or mix-and-match with pretty florals in Victorian elegance, art deco, or shabby chic.

"The crockery is complemented with cake stands, teapots, sugar bowls, bunting and other accessories."

The pair currently have a booking for one big wedding with a themed reception for 150 guests.

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SARTORIAL ELEGANCE: Jonathan Tremlett, Chris Pinkney, Sam Beech, Bryan Ferriss and Clinton Bonner

ILMINSTER retailers are backing the Rotary Club for what promises to be a highly entertaining fashion show in aid of Breast Cancer Research.

With the warmer weather almost here now is the perfect time to revamp your wardrobe and the opportunity to do so will be provided at Spring to Summer on May 3rd at the Shrubbery Hotel with a fashion gala for lads and ladies.

Julie Fowler from the Rotary Club of Ilminster and Angie Blackwell at Cottage Flowers have joined forces with Bellissimo, R A Dyer, Harrimans, Prima Moda Boutique and Mark Hebron Hairdressers to transform volunteer models from other businesses in the town, into the catwalk's finest.

Ahead of the big day, a few of the chaps got together on Monday to promote the event with a quick pose on the street which caused more than one passer-by to turn their head, a tiny hint of what is to come.

Butcher Clinton Bonner swapped his striped apron for a striped jacket and a straw hat, showing that clothes really do maketh the man and was joined by Bryan Ferris from Lanes Garden Shop, Triss Pinkney from Bilbys and Jonathan Tremlett from Piccolo di Piazza.

King Elvis, in the form of Barry Paull, will be on hand on the night to serenade all the fashionistas as well as The Somerset Butlers providing waiter service.

Be there or be disappointed as only a few tickets, priced at £10, remain for this event and are available from the participating businesses and Julie Fowler on 01460 54007.

If you can't get there, you can still support the fundraising by buying a draw ticket for some great prizes, from the shops involved.

Julie Fowler said: "This is a great team effort and it is a marvellous opportunity to showcase what Ilminster's leading fashion retailers have to offer.

Tour of American architecture

By Marion Draper

THE audience at the April meeting of Neroche DFAS at Seavington were given an entertaining tour of the southern states of the USA;Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, and the deep south states of Louisiana and Mississippi.

Lecturer Roger Mitchell told of how the early settlers built in wood and stone on a small scale, as they sought to make a living from farming, but as their businesses grew with crops of cotton, tobacco, rice and sugar they moved on to brick buildings, acquiring slaves, and expanding their plantations.

He showed how they imitated classical designs by Palladio and placed classical columns round their verandas.

Most houses were symmetrical, with wide frontages, often near the sea or a major river, to allow building materials to arrive, and bales of tobacco or cotton to be exported.

White clapperboard also came into favour as a building material. Often these grand colonial mansions had fine interiors with imported Georgian furniture of the finest quality.

Mr Mitchell showed many examples of the houses of the south, including one in white and light blue that looked like a river steamboat, and another that was an enormous octagon, built by a 'cotton nabob' – a southern term for the newly rich – who owned 800 slaves, but was never entirely finished.

The Civil War of 1861 destroyed many of these fine constructions.

AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE: Jane Caro of Neroche DFAS welcomes guest speaker Roger Mitchell

Councillors prepare for head-shaving

ILMINSTER Councillors Andrew Shearman, Linda Vijeh and Andrew Lawson are pictured left with Sam Grabham and Clare Wheatley from Hebron's who are sharpening their scissors ready for a ritual head-shaving to be held during the Big Lunch in Ilminster on Sunday, June 3rd as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. It is hoped that the public will want to support them in their efforts to raise funds for Children's Hospice South West. For more information see the Ilminster Jubilee Facebook page – www.facebook.com/ilminsterQDJ

Audience enjoy 'A Trio of Tales' in Broadway

By Marion Draper

BROADWAY Amateur Theatrical Society gave their audience a taste of something very different for their spring production, "A Trio of Tales", running until Saturday this week.

The three one-act plays made a refreshing change from the society's major performances, both for the cast and their audience, who were given plenty of laughs.

With many local children swelling the ranks this year, the first play of the evening was a mini musical version of "The Princess and the Pea", adapted by Jo Warren. The children worked very hard and the result was excellent so hopefully many of them will continue with the group which is finding it harder to recruit members who are able to commit to regular rehearsals.

The second offering of the night was a farcical piece involving a radio play called "You See It All on the Radio", by Jill Mc Neil and directed by the chairman of the group, Phil Hunt.

The unfortunate actors find themselves in mid-story on live radio when the sound effects technology lets them down, along with the technician who walks out and they are left with a box of props with which to try and battle through whilst reading their parts.

The story descends into slight chaos, especially when one of the actors faints with the stress and the caretaker is ushered in to take her part.

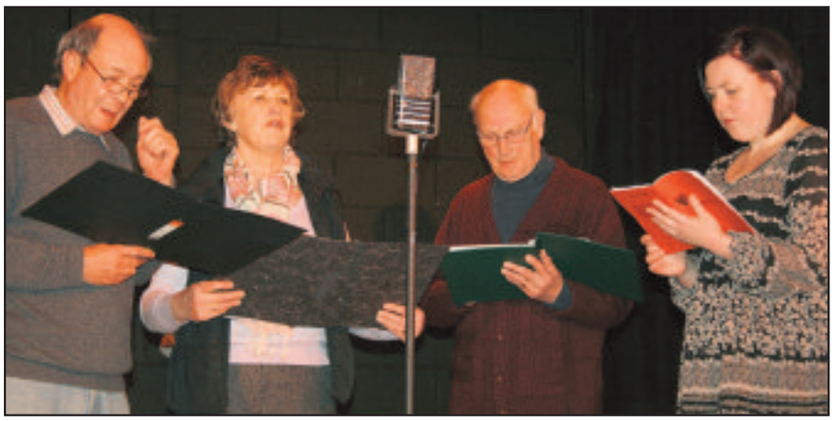
The final play of the evening was "A Strong Smell of Burning" by Graham J. Evans. Set in a 9th century Anglo Saxon hovel, Oswald and his wife Agnes, together with son Cedric and daughter Hilda, are surviving on shrew stew thinly disguised as mutton and think they have fallen on good fortune when a stranger comes into their midst. Directed by Jane Brown, this hilarious tale was reminiscent of the "Blackadder" tales.

Hannah Thurston, as the mother of the household, had some searing expressions and poor old Richard Baker, as the hapless stranger who turned out to be King Alfred, really did become a victim of her shrew stew. Cedric the camp son was a joy to watch, played by Adam Chudley, and the country bumpkin attitude of father Oswald (Steve Partridge) and daughter Hilda (Lisa Souster) made a good double act. Agnes the friend was played to the fullest by Alyson Partridge and Phil Hunt popped in for a quick cameo as the hermit.

If anyone would like to join BATS, their next meeting is on May 21st at Broadway Village Hall from 7.30pm.

■ WHO DO YOU SEE ON THE COIN?: Hilda (Lisa Souster), Oswald (Steve Partridge), Agnes (Hannah Thurston) and Cedric (Adam Chudley) with Richard Baker as the stranger in the background

■ SHREW STEW: King Alfred (Richard Baker) gets a taste of Agnes' signature dish



■ A TRIO OF TALES: Cast of "You See It All on the Radio" and above "A Strong Smell on Burning". Top, the whole cast from "A Trio of Tales"

W news briefing

Cloths of gold on show

EMBROIDERY fans will be in for a treat this weekend as a set of antique vestments go on show at the Church of the English Martyrs in East Street, Chard.

The selection of Catholic finery was gathered by Father Michael Galloway, a retired Anglican minister who joined the church as a priest of the ordinariate.

He has collected the items since the 1980s and considers himself custodian of the ancient vestments, many of which may have been destroyed had he not given them a home. Among the display will be his oldest prize, an 18th century High Mass set rescued from a museum that closed down, worn by himself and the Deacon at the recent Easter Sunday.

Most of the display will be 19th century Chasubles in cloth of gold and watered silk . Cloth of gold consisted of 24 carat gold either beaten or worked into long strips and wound around a core such as silk thread and was then woven into a very rich fabric. The vestments were also decorated with detailed embroidery in gold thread.

The antique vestments will be on display from 10am until 4pm on Saturday, admission is free but donations will be welcome.

GOLDEN HISTORY: Father Michael Galloway with a sample of the antique vestments

Show is a hit after 14 years

By Marion Draper

THE first Gang Show seen in Chard for 14 years was a real hit with performers and audience alike enjoying a great evening of songs and laughter.

After many months of long rehearsals and a lot of commitment over many weekends, the mayor councillor Cathie Morrision's wish of putting on a Gang Show, involving guides, brownies, cubs, beavers and scouts, came to fruition as they took to the stage and performed over two nights.

The show opened with a version of the Muppet Show TV theme, only the words changed to Chard Gang Show.

The beavers then came on for an appearance as they told jokes making the audience laugh out loud, then with Chard being the home of powered flight, the guides and brownies gave a selection of flying songs.

The cubs came on with some sketches including how to get from one side of the fire to another and as night continued as and the guides gave a musical section including numbers from Abba and Grease followed by the cubs and scouts with more sketches.

The first half was then finished by the guides and brownies reappearing to perform a tribute to the Beatles with solo performances from a couple of the guides, with the other guiders and leaders as backing and the cubs and scouts joining in with the finale of a rousing Hey Jude.

The second half got underway with a friendship medley by the guides and the brownies, a dance performed by two guides and many other sketches.

All the cast came on stage to sing around a campfire, just as they do whilst at camp, and the night was capped off in Ralph Reader tradition with Crest of a Wave.

There was a good deal of audience participation and the mayor even joined the cast on stage at one point.

The curtains fell on both successive nights to cheers and a standing ovation for the boys and girls.

The applause was not just for those on the stage but the hardworking team behind the scenes such as lighting, sound, stage manager, props and costumes and musicians and of course the leaders who rehearsed the young people over the nine months, both at Tatworth Village Hall and Chard School.

Guide leader Charlotte Rogers commented: "It makes me proud to be a leader when the girls and boys shine like they did tonight. Well done.

"Councillor Cathie Morrison said she was truly gobsmacked by the show as well as the commitment show by the gang, leaders, all the back stage crew and the band."

Some of the comments from the audience included "They were great", "A joy to watch", "magical", "wonderful" and "enjoyable".

The Chard Gang Show was a success in every way and the girls and boys who took part will remember it for a long time to come.

ON THE CREST OF A WAVE: Chard Gang Show plus the mayor

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Students share South African experience with Rotary Club

TWO students from the Richard Huish College in Taunton gave a presentation on their Outposts exhibition to South Africa for the Rotary Club of Crewkerne.

Kirstie Bailey, from Crewkerne, and Daisy King, from Winsham, first visited the Rotarians before their trip to speak about their fundraising efforts, which the club donated to.

The girls returned for a special evening meeting held at the Henhayes Centre, also attended by members of the Crewkerne District Rotary Club, where they gave a video presentation showing what they got up to on their travels.

Kirstie and Daisy spent three weeks in South Africa, travelling to Johannesburg and visiting the Umkhumbi Game reserve where the learned about local wildlife for their safety whilst in the bush.

■ **SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: Rotary GSE candidate Sebastian Cope, GSE team leader Bob Nation, Kirstie Bailey and Daisy King, Rotary Club of Crewkerne President David Welch and international committee chairman Peter Woodward**

They had biology lessons, which included the dissection of large animals and information on how to identify animal dung. A visit to a crocodile sanctuary taught the girls about poaching and they learned a lot about the conservation work being done throughout the reserve.

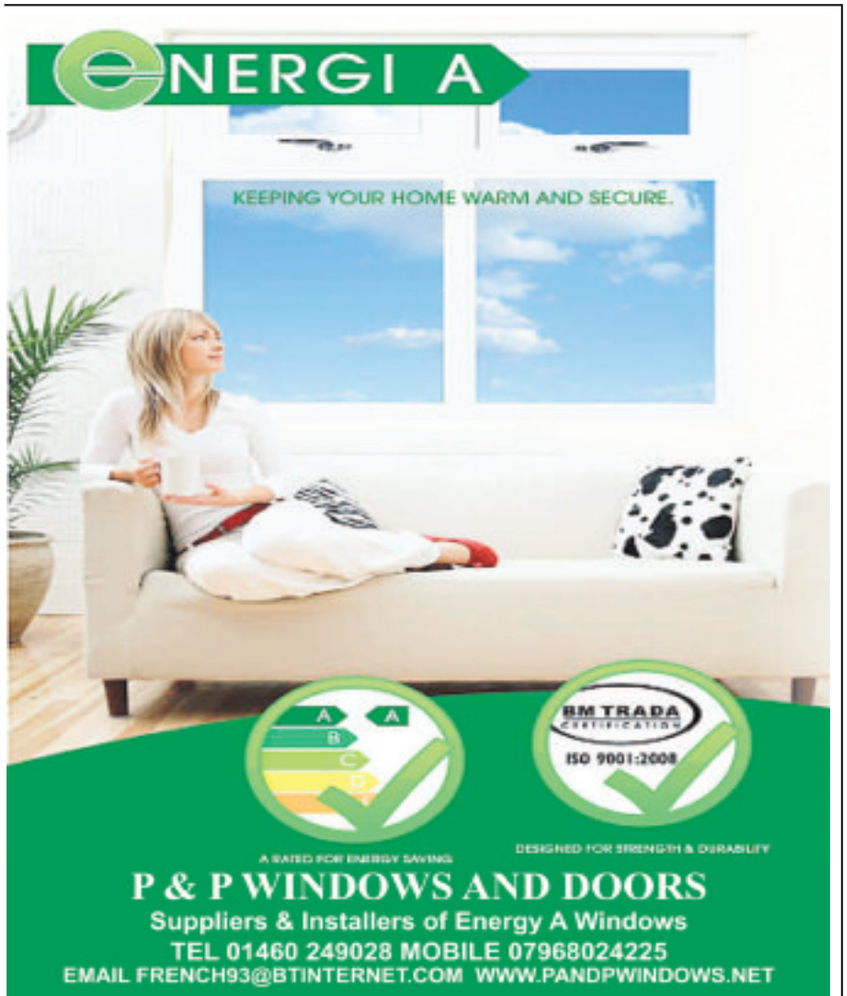
The girls also took part in snorkling and learning to spear fish with the locals, as well as a tour of Rorkes Drift and white water rafting.

Part of their trip included working at the Zulufadder project, which helps the orphans of the AIDS epidemic. They painted the walls of a school and had taken clothing to give to the children.

The second part of the evening meeting was devoted to talking about the Rotary Group Study Exchange programme, a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business people and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers.

The programme provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

Rotarian Peter Hardwill had nominated one of his employees, Sebastian Cope, as their candidate for the year, who had come to his company on work experience and became a draughtsman. He will be going to Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia to learn about their engineering and construction practises and develop personal and professional relationships. Mr Cope has himself been a charity fundraiser for several years and the club thought him well deserving of their support.



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ACTIVITIES for the elderly is the dream job for Celia Appleton who has worked at Vaughan Lee House, the community-run residential care home in Ilminster, for 23 years.

Having started on the night shift at the home when her children were small, she has worked in various areas over the years but has settled into the post of activities co-ordinator and was funded by Vaughan Lee to take a qualification as a creative activity therapist, specialising in planning, reminiscence and dementia.

Thanks to her input, the residents now enjoy a range of in-house activities and a weekly outing. Celia loves working with older people and is delighted that the charity were able to give her the opportunity for a qualification which was the real icing on her cake.

● **WHAT do you like most about your job?**
It's a lovely place to work and I like old people - they are so sweet, I have always related to them the most. I have done about every job there is here over the years, cooking, cleaning and care, but I have really found my area within care now.

I was invited to Dunkirk House in Bishops Lydeard to do a day's workshop at the reminiscence learning centre and loved it so much, I kept going back. They taught me that you can stimulate anybody, no matter what their physical or mental ability and we have gone from bingo and dominoes to epic proportions of involvement.

● **IS it hard to organise activities to suit everyone?**
I always have to have a plan B at the back of my head. For example, the music for pleasure lady didn't come one day and I had 12 residents all sitting in a circle waiting. So I got Ron to get his accordion and we started to talk about dances which led into a whole reminiscence session - dancing led to dresses, which led to sewing and before I knew it, two hours had gone by.

● **IS there an activity you would like to be able to add?**
I would love people that have got a hobby or a skill to come in and do a session with the residents, like Angie from Cottage Flowers who gives her time and does flower arranging demonstrations.

A lot of people still don't realise Vaughan Lee is a charity and we have limited funds, unless otherwise specified, all donations go to the comfort fund. It is only thanks to the Gooch Charitable Trust that have funded the minibus for three years that we are able to go on trips out every week.

● **DOES caring run in your family?**
Yes I am one of five girls and we are all in the care profession. I think because we had such a lovely upbringing and were all so close, we took care of each other when we were growing up.

● **WHAT has been the major difference you have noticed in residents taking part in the activities?**
Residents have become much more interactive, some were becoming too institutionalised and staying in their rooms all the time. There are still some who just prefer their own company and I am so grateful to the Friends of Vaughan Lee. The only reason I can do my job to the standard I do is because I have two of them here most days . They take the flexercise class on Fridays which frees me for one-on-one with some of the quieter residents. Volunteers are invaluable.

● **DO you have any hobbies?**
I am an outdoor girl and I love to walk, as soon as I get home I am out with my dog Peanut - he's some kind of terrier.

● **DO you have any unfulfilled ambitions?**
If you had asked me that five years ago, I would have said yes but now I have my qualification I am just where I wanted to be . I can drive, I learned to swim when I was 30, my two sons have grown up and have good jobs, and this is a really fun place to work.

I think it speaks volumes that the care staff have all been here for years and you are encouraged to do qualifications and get the quality of life and work balance right.

● **IF you could meet anyone, who would it be?**
Chris Evans, because I think he's so funny. He makes me laugh every morning on the radio. I would like to go out to dinner with him, I think we'd make each other laugh.

● **IF you were marooned on an island what three things would you want?**
A bottle of red wine, a French loaf and some Cheddar cheese, I have often asked people what they would choose as their last meal and said that's what I would have.

● **WHAT makes Vaughan Lee such a special place to you?**
Because it's community owned and the majority of staff and residents are local, so it's like a big extended family. Many of the residents can remember the carers when they were children, it's lovely. I am lucky because I can learn the residents' life histories, which is something we are building on to get more information from families when they first come in. The Ilminster Forum are starting to come up to record their life stories too.

● **WOULD you like to be a resident in Vaughan Lee one day?**
Oh yes, but I wouldn't be one of the quiet ones, I love to talk, I'd be in the centre of the table!

● **IF you had silly money what would you do with it?**
I'd give it all away. I'd like to buy somewhere like Sandy Bay holiday park and make it for anyone who couldnít afford a holiday.

Bell ringers honoured in church window

■ **FINISHING TOUCHES: Stained glass craftsman John Yeo completes the new memorial window with Reg and June Beale below. Inset, the bottom half of the memorial window for bell ringers Reginald and Phyllis Beale**

Photos by MARION DRAPER

By Marion Draper

SOUTH Petherton bell ringer, Reg Beale, and his wife June were delighted to see their plan for a stained glass window in the parish church finally in place after waiting over a year.

The couple wanted to mount the window in the west wall of the church of St Peter and St Paul to balance with one placed on the other side of the main window for the millennium.

The design of six bells complete with wheel and ropes was created by traditional stained glass craftsman John Yeo, a full craft member of the Somerset Guild of Craftsmen, who is based between Shepton Mallet and Wells. The skilled craftsman said he had been given free reign with the design and colours, the only thing that had to be true was the colour of the sallys - the furry part of the bell ropes.

The new window is primarily a memorial to Mr Beale's parents, Reginald and Phyllis, who were also long -standing campanologists.

Mr Beale said: "I wanted the six bells because father always liked six bell ringing. I have been to many churches but never seen a window dedicated to the bells and thought it would be a nice way to remember my parents.

"It took 12 months just to get all the permissions we needed but we are very pleased with the result, John has done a splendid job.

"It looks beautiful with the light coming through it, he hasn't made the colours too solid so it still works as a window.

"I only hope the kids don't think we are spending all their inheritance!

"I made my first peal in Kingstone church when I was 12, father was conducting. A full peal is 5,040 changes. When I was up to 120, father said 'you're nearly done' and two hours later he said 'that's it'. That was the day I had my first half pint of cider."

Mrs Beale, who also used to ring, said she was also delighted with the window, which has their initials on one of the bells.

She said: "It's lovely to have something that will be here for others to enjoy, long after we have gone.

"It is also good that there are still bell-ringers keeping the tradition going, it takes a minute to get the hang of the changes but then it's quite easy. Reg is 80 now and still going."

The couple joked about the time Reg's trousers fell down while he was ringing.

He said: "I was ringing a peal here in South Petherton and I was only on the seventh when I dropped my trousers so I just kept going. It was actually quite refreshing, it can get warm when you are ringing!"

The window is now complete but will be officially dedicated on Sunday, May 6th at 3pm by Chris Marshall, former master of the Bath and Wells Association of Change Ringers.

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Spacious 3 bedroom detached bungalow in lovely rural location with potential to extend into the loft space. Living room, newly fitted kitchen diner in cream, 3 bedrooms, smart bathroom, gge, gdns, large loft & attic bed 4.

£310,000

Elm View, Chard

Lots of space, lots of character and lots of views in this stunning home in an elevated position on the town's outskirts. 2 receps, 7 beds, 2 baths, cloakroom. Double garage. Gas CH. Mostly double glazed. A MUST VIEW at this price!

£325,000

Loveridge Lane, Tatworth

Outside a 1930's bungalow with large gardens and countryside views. Inside a stunning contemporary home with fabulous open plan living space, superb kitchen dining & living with utility off, 4 dbl beds, 2 baths, sep home office.

£425,000

Turnpike, Chard

Great value mobile home with outlook onto the green at Turnpike and backing onto open countryside! Living room, kitchen diner, 2 bedrooms, bathroom & utility shed. NO CHAIN!

£37,500

Turnpike, Chard

Beautifully refurbished 32' x 12' park home just ready to move into! Open plan living space with living room and smart kitchen, double bedroom with fitted wardrobes, and smart white shower room. Off road parking, balcony & garden.

£55,000

Turnpike, Chard

Fabulous 2010 model Willerby Vogue Connoisseur! Living room with french doors to balcony, smart fitted kitchen diner with integrated appliances, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, shed, parking & gardens.

£55,500

Turnpike, Chard

Willerby Glenada 2008 2 bedroom mobile home. Living room, kitchen diner, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, utility shed, parking & gardens. Gas C.H'g & PVC dbl glzg.

£56,000

Holway House Park, Ilminster

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DETACHED THREE BEDROOM BUNGALOW

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SPACIOUS HOUSE WITH LAND

Sitting Room – Dining Room Kitchen – Utility Room - Cloakroom – Master Bedroom with En-Suite – Two Further Double Bedrooms – Bathroom – Off-Road Parking – Single Garage – Front and Rear Gardens

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MERRIOTT £220 000

COTTAGE IN VILLAGE LOCATION

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Entrance Hall - Sitting Room - Kitchen/ Breakfast Room - Four Bedrooms
Two En-Suites - Bathroom - Gardens
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FOUR BEDROOM FAMILY HOME

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Dining Room – Kitchen – Four Bedrooms
Bathroom – Front and Rear Gardens

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Big Bill back in the UK

BLUES and Americana performer **Bill Sheffield** is touring the UK in May with local gigs in Seaton, Exeter, Dorchester and Ilminster. The big man from Atlanta, Georgia is again accompanied by The Producers' bassist, Dave Saunders.

Those lucky enough to have seen Bill before know what a great singer/guitarist and powerful performer he is. With his huge voice and stunning slide guitar this man puts his heart and soul into every show. He was guitar legend Roy Buchanon's vocalist, touring with him throughout the United States and featuring on Roy's Polydor album *In the Beginning*.

His experience of working for blues greats such as Big Mama Thornton, Fabulous Thunderbirds, John Lee Hooker, Muddy Waters, Bonnie Raitt and Stevie Ray Vaughan and his laid back yet energy laden stage style has made him many friends in Europe, where he is always made very welcome.

● **For venue and ticket information, see the Mojo Promotions advert on page 18**

Ilminster Food and Craft Market

THE Ilminster Midsummer Experience is now in its fifth year, and the Food and Craft Market on June 9th is set to be bigger than ever.

If you're a big foodie or a keen artisan then this is a must for your diary.

Town centre traffic is diverted for the day making this a great experience, wandering around tasting locally produced food and snapping up those unique artisan items from 9am to 4pm.

In addition to all the local shops there will also be 30 food and craft stalls and 'Charity Lane' featuring local charitable organisations. Last year's event was a huge success. It has continued to grow each year so June 9th is going to be huge.

Call 07733 083778 for more information or visit www.ilminsterexperience.co.uk

● The annual strolling garage sale will also take place on June 9th. Organisers are looking for people who would like to organise their neighbourhoods to have a clear out.

Maps will be produced and your area can be listed to ensure people are sent your way.

Contact Michael Fryfoley on 01460 54364 if you'd like to help. There will be a lot of activity on the day so why not take advantage and sell your treasures!

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Thurs 10th May - BUDDY WHITTINGTON BAND
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Fri 11th May - Tivoli Theatre, Wimborne. 01202 558866 (with The Producers)
Sat 12th May - Dorchester Arts Centre. 01305 266926
Sun 13th May - Dunster Castle Hotel, Dunster. 01643 823030
Tues 15th May - Square+Compass, Nr Ilminster. 01823 480467

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also @ Square+Compass:
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THE Square and Compass has pulled off a real coup for this Sunday (April 22nd) - SAVOY BROWN featuring KIM SIMMONDS are playing their only South West gig.

This in itself is one of only three concerts the band are playing in the UK between flying from the USA and an extensive European tour.

One of the earliest of the British blues bands, Savoy Brown, with founder guitarist Kim Simmonds at the helm, helped launch the 1967 UK blues boom that brought blues music back to the USA invigorating the style forever.

In the process, the band became part of the framework that launched the rock and roll music of the 1970s.

Their influence now stretches into modern rock as we know it today. After his successful run of the early to mid 70s, Kim moved operations to the USA - where they are still based - and continued making the kind of records he wanted to with a succession of line-ups.

Records as diverse as the acoustic blues 'Slow Train' to the hard-hitting 'Rock And Roll Warriors' appeared. All were eagerly accepted by the fans.

Now touring to promote the band's new album 'Voodoo Moon' this date is bound to sell out - advance booking is advised. Phone the Square and Compass on 01823 480467 to book by credit card or visit in person to pick up your tickets. Advance price is £15 - don't miss out!

With ex John Mayall's Bluesbreaker BUDDY WHITTINGTON, Americana star BILL SHEFFIELD and guitar legend ANDY FAIRWEATHER LOW also playing at the Square and Compass also in May, there is something for everyone!

■ **SAVOY Brown guitarist and leader Kim Simmonds**

New books focus on Somerset at war *and* boats on the Levels

WESTCOUNTRY publishers Amberley have released two new books featuring stunning images of Somerset's past.

The Boats of the Somerset Levels by Mike Smylie features 177 black and white images of boats found on the Somerset Levels.

Flat-bottom craft made by the farmers and fishermen who used them are examples of boatbuilding at its most complex.

In Britain the best examples can be found in the boats of the Somerset Levels and moors, rivers and coastal waters.

The Somerset Levels and moors is an area shrouded in both mystery and mythology: a world of water with traditions reaching back into prehistory and a place of legends, such as its associations with Avalon.

In this area, crisscrossed with shallow rivers and manmade waterways, flat bottomed boats were until relatively recently the ideal way of getting around, and in his book Mike Smylie takes us through six of them, and those who preserve them now that they have fallen out of every day use.

Mike Smylie is the author of 13 books and the founder of the 40+ Fishing Boat Association. He is an expert on British traditional fishing boats and is currently writing a history of European Fishing Boats.

The second book from Amberley, *Somerset at War* by Henry Buckton, takes readers through Somerset's contribution to the war effort.

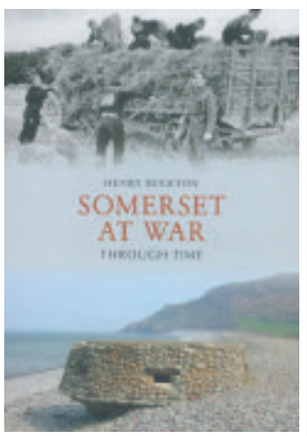
Whereever you go through the county, you are never far way from a reminder of those wartime years.

In this book, old images show the county at war and full colour modern images demonstrating what remains today of Somerset's wartime landscape.

As we travel around the county, we see coastal defences at places like Brean Down and Steepholm, pillboxes that were built to bog down the Germans if they invaded, and evidence that Weston-super-Mare and Bath experienced the worst of the bombing on the county.

We learn how the town of Glastonbury prepared itself to be occupied by enemy troops, how explosives were produced at the Royal Ordnance Factory, why the town of Bridgwater sent a defiant message to Hitler, and how the first jet aircraft entered service with the RAF at Culmhead.

The book also examines why the Taunton area was crucial to the defence of the Westcountry and looks at the important contribution made by the town of Yeovil to wartime aviation.



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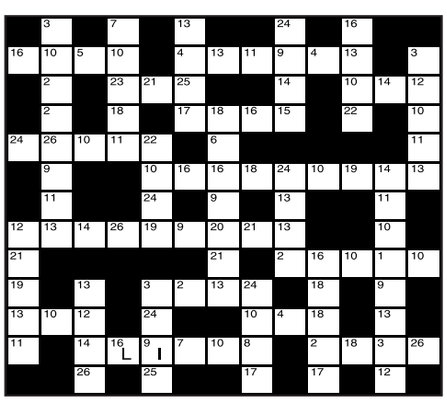

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. A hobby with positive results? (11)
9. There's anger in their expressions (3)
10. German apt to become a star (9)
11. Try to put it into writing (5)
13. Deep hatred for a soldier, we hear (7)
14. It shows a certain delicacy of feeling (6)
16. Most air services provide these flights (6)
18. He doesn't appreciate where the coal goes! (7)
19. An increase, not for the first time (5)
20. Temporary assistant would look odd if permanent! (5,4)
21. Assume he's from a university (3)
22. The arrogance which is taken for granted (11)

Down

2. He holds nothing, but a garden tool (3)
3. In Chianti psychiatrists may get slightly drunk (5)
4. People who obtain information with an effort (6)
5. Once more a good man is in opposition (7)
6. Instrument could produce a rich moan! (9)
7. They go to blazes (4,7)
8. Giving one time for transgression (11)
12. Killing a point with merriment (9)
15. A little credit obtains a vast selection of ties (7)
17. Still good advice to the excited (6)
19. Examination necessitating a lot of book-work (5)
21. A combination of variety (3)

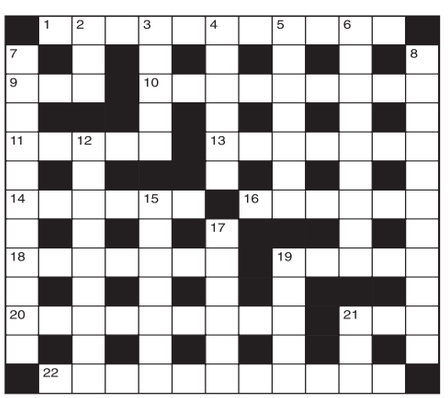
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Reproachful (11)
9. Gamble (3)
10. Specious (9)
11. Sticky (5)
13. Stretch (7)
14. Disorderly (6)
16. Recommend (6)
18. Interval of delay (4-3)
19. Combat (5)
20. Diversify (9)
21. Age (3)
22. Establishment (11)

Down

2. Place (3)
3. Response (5)
4. Impudent (6)
5. Tasteless (7)
6. Rigid (9)
7. Hindering (11)
8. Submissive (11)
12. Double boat (9)
15. Most obtuse (7)
17. Horrified (6)
19. Navy (5)
21. Self (3)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Sump; 3 Assemble; 9 Absolve; 10 Taunt; 11 Inconstantly; 13 Muffin; 15 Aspire; 17 Ten-gallon hat; 20 Model; 21 Sidecar; 22 Somewhat; 23 Espy. Down: 1 Stadiums; 2 Music; 4 Siesta; 5 Eat one's words; 6 Bouilli; 7 Eats; 8 Glancing blow; 12 Death ray; 14 Freedom; 16 Plasma; 18 Hacks; 19 Emus. QUICK - Across: 1 Alas; 3 Possible; 9 Conceal; 10 Gorse; 11 Poltergeists; 13 Estate; 15 Middle; 17 Missionaries; 20 Sepia; 21 Piccolo; 22 Abridged; 23 Type. Down: 1 Accepted; 2 Annul; 4 Oblige; 5 Significance; 6 Berated; 7 Ever; 8 Desert island; 12 Seashore; 14 Tripper; 16 Couple; 18 Ivory; 19 Asia.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

7	4	1	2	3	5	9	8	6
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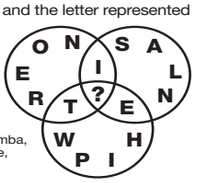
4	9	7	6	1	2	8	5	3
3	2	5	7	9	8	6	4	1
8	1	6	5	4	3	7	2	9

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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Look forward to jazz with flair!

THE Andy Nowak Quartet Quartet come to Ilminster Arts Centre next month.

Based in London and Bristol, the quartet comprises Andy Nowak (piano), Josh Arcoleo (tenor sax), Will Harris (bass) and Daisy Palmer (drums)

The group focuses on re-workings of standards, as well as original compositions.

They have effervescence and flair, and boast an impressive CV including performing with the likes of Jamie Cullum, Lillian Boutte, Art Themen, and Pee Wee Ellis, at venues such as The Royal Festival Hall, The Barbican and Ronnie Scott's.

Awards include the 2011 Yamaha Parliamentary Jazz Scholarship and the prestigious Kenny Wheeler Jazz Prize.

You can catch them on Friday, May 4th (8pm) with tickets on sale at £12. A pre-show supper (7pm) is available for £9.50. Call 01460 54973 for tickets.

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Events

We are busy bees at
The Henhayes Centre
in Crewkerne

LOOK WHAT'S ON

FUTURE EVENT
Supper and Cabaret 20th April
World music by violin and guitar duo
"Thalia"
Telephone 01460 74340 for further details

Every Tuesday from 10am until 2.30pm
THE TUESDAY WELCOME GROUP
Entertainment and lunch for the over 70s
Also on a Tuesday from 10am -12.00
COMPUTER CLUB
For the terrified and the competent who just need advice

Every Wednesday
2.30pm – 4pm
BINGO
Cash Prizes

Every Thursday, 10am – 11am
OVER 50S KEEP FIT
A class which proves exercising can be fun
Also on Thursday 19th April
BINGO
Beginning at 7.30pm

Lunches Every Day
Please phone 01460 74340 for further details
Saturday 10am - 12noon
COFFEE MORNING

Open to all for tea or coffee 9am-4pm
The centre can also be hired for dinners and parties
For further details please contact
The Henhayes Centre, South Street Car Park, Crewkerne
Tel: 01460 74340 www.henhayes.co.uk

Arts centre

ILMINSTER arts centre AT THE MEETING HOUSE

SOCIETY OF GRAPHIC FINE ART (SW) MEMBERS EXHIBITION
In the Galleries until 28th April
Open Daily (except Sunday). Free entry.
SGFA Members will take your breath away with their ideas, and varied approaches to representing the observed world. If you admire the precision of fine draughtsmanship then you will enjoy this exhibition.

THE ANDY NOWAK QUARTET
with JOSH ARCOLEO
Friday 4th May, 8pm.
Tickets: £12. Pre-show Supper £9.50 (at 7pm).
This award-winning quartet boast an impressive CV, having performed with the likes of Jamie Cullum, Lillian Boutte and Art Theman at venues such as The Barbican and Ronnie Scott's. The group focus on re-workings of standards, as well as original compositions.

Booking details: 01460 54973
www.themeetinghouse.org.uk
info@themeetinghouse.org.uk
East Street, Ilminster, Somerset. TA19 0AN.
Open Mon-Fri 9.30-4.30, Sat 10.00-2.30.

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FRIDAY APRIL 20TH

CREWKERNE: Supper and Cabaret World music by violin and guitar duo "Thalia" at Henhayes Community Centre. Telephone 01460 74340 for further details

CREWKERNE: Country Market at the Henhayes Community Centre, Crewkerne, from 9am-11.30am. All fresh local produce. Vegetables, cakes, bread, flowers and much more.

SEAVINGTON: County Music Dance at the Millennium Hall, from 8pm (doors 7pm). In aid of Children's Hospice South West. Telephone 01935 881510 for more info.

SATURDAY APRIL 21ST

HINTON ST GEORGE: To celebrate the Patronal Festival of St. George's Church, Hinton St. George, a Concert of English String Music will be given in church at 7.30pm by the Toki Quartet, graduates of the Royal School of Music. Works by Frank Bridge, Joseph Haydn and Edward Elgar. Tickets to include a complimentary glass of wine, £10, £5 for young people in full-time education. Available from the Village Shop, Dorothy's Tea Room, or, on the door. Tel. enquiries 01460 77214.

HINTON ST GEORGE: St George's Day Barn Dance with Crooked Furrow at St George's Hall, from 7:30pm till late. Tickets £8 each including hot supper. Bar on site. Raising funds for St George's Pre-School. Tickets from OUR Shop or Dorothy's Tea Rooms or by calling 07811 052577.

CHARD: Peace Vigil at Holyrood Street from 11am-12noon.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne and District Twinning Association - celebrate the Queen's birthday and St George's Day Supper, at the Church Hall. 3 courses for £10. Please book by calling 01460 75025. Limited numbers.

WHITELACKINGTON: Table Top Sale / Bric-a-brac, at the Village Hall from 10am-1pm. Tables £5. Refreshments available. For more details call 01460 259565.

CHARD: An Exhibition of Antique Church Vestments at English Martyrs Church Hall, East Street, from 10am-4pm. with free admission. Light refreshments available.

CREWKERNE: The Rotary Club of Crewkerne is hosting a Know Your Blood Pressure Event at The Consrvative Club, Falkland Square, from 9am until 12 noon. Free blood pressure service with info & advice on stroke related health issues. Please call in and talk to our team of health professionals.

CHARD: Race Night at the cricket club, from 8pm. £5 entry includes food and first drink. Everyone welcome.

SEAVINGTON: Dance your socks off at another unmissable benefit gig for the Green Scythe Fair at the Millennium Hall, plus a free have-a-go Jive lesson with Strictly Jive from 8-8:30pm. Admission £5 in advance or £7 on the door (£5 concessions). Tickets available from Trading Post, Lopen and Ceres, Yeovil. Telephone 07968 182455 or 07582 839037 for more information. Bring your friends. Bar available.

TUESDAY APRIL 24TH

ILMINSTER: South Somerset Peace Group meeting with talk from Rebecca Cordell of Freedom from Torture. At the Minster Rooms, from 7.30pm. All welcome, entry £3 including tea/coffee.

CHARD: MAKE & MUNCH with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. For parents and carers with their pre-school age children (0-4). 10.15am-12.45pm. No need to book, just come along and it's FREE. Held at the Chard Young People's Centre, Essex Road (behind Co-op car park). Telephone Sue: 01297 631782 for more information.

MERRIOTT: Merriott Gardening Club AGM, Buffet and Quiz night to be held at the Tithe Barn, Church Street at 7.30pm. A warm welcome to all. For more details call 01460 72298.

THURSDAY APRIL 26TH

CHARD: Messy Church, organised by Chard Churches Together, at the Baptist Church, Holyrood Street, 4-6pm. Theme for the session 'Jesus is Still Alive'. Open to all children, accompanied by a parent or parents and siblins. Event is free, and includes a hot meal, though donations towards the costs are welcome.

MARTOCK: Public meeting with speaker Lord Ashdown, former MP for Yeovil, at Martock Primary School, Elmleigh Road, from 6:30pm for 7pm. Tickets £5 to include light refreshments; free entrance for under 18s. Tickets can be purchased from Pete Wescott (07957 735678) and Julia Gadd (07808 761416) or email pete.wescott@ gmail.com or jubelgae@gmail.com

CHARD: Chard Light Operatic Society present 'The Mikado' at Crowshute House, from 7:30pm. Tickets £10 from Barron's, Holyrood Street, to include a light supper.

FRIDAY APRIL 27TH

TATWORTH: Film - 'My Week with Marilyn' (12A). At Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors open 7.15pm, film at 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. Telephone 01460 220198 for more details.

ILMINSTER: Somerset Wildlife Trust Ilminster/Chard group meeting at the Parish Hall, North Street, from 7:30pm. John Burrell, a recorder for Butterfly Conservation with an interest in weather recording and habitat monitoring, will give a talk on 'Butterflies & Weather'. A short general meeting, with the launch of the programme for the rest of the year, will follow the refreshments interval. Everyone welcome. Adults £2.

SATURDAY APRIL 28TH

ILMINSTER: Sale - stuff for kids aged 5+. At Greenfylde School Hall, 10am-12noon. Anyone wanting to sell items should call 01460 52527 or email brendan moran@tiscali.co.uk, sellers keep 50% from the sale of their items, with the remaining 50% going towards Greenfylde Community Pool.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - Jumble Sale, 2pm. Donations of jumble can be left at the hall between 10am & mid-day. There will also be a plant stall, tombola, & refreshments. Contributions very welcome; contact 01460 72324.

SUNDAY APRIL 29TH

CHEDINGTON: Gardens Open and teas in the village hall, from 2pm-5pm. Telephone 01935 891232 for more information.

MOSTERTON: Mosterton Spring Fair with children's cake competition, bouncy castle, craft stalls and lots more, from 11am-4pm.

TUESDAY MAY 1ST

ILMINSTER: Come to an open afternoon at the Home Energy Centre, 8 Ditton Street, from 4pm-7 pm. Refreshments from 5.30 pm, and a themed talk at 6 pm: 'Water: How much is left?' Free entry and no need to book. All welcome! Call 01460 250986 for details.

CREWKERNE: Are you over 70? Would you like a laugh, a lunch and generally enjoy yourself? If so, come to The Henhayes Centre from 10am until 2.30pm. Lunch £5.50 with a cup of tea/coffee. Transport can be arranged. Please ring 01460 74340 for more information.

WEDNESDAY MAY 2ND

ILMINSTER: Knit & Natter at the Village Hall, from 10:30am. All welcome. Call 01460 72837 for more info.

You can email your Diary Dates to rob@pemedia.co.uk

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Going Out Film

This week's new releases

SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN 12A

VISIONARY | Amr Waked and Ewan McGregor in *Salmon Fishing In The Yemen*

A VISIONARY sheik believes his passion for the peaceful pastime of salmon fishing can enrich the lives of his people, and he dreams of bringing the sport to the not so fish-friendly desert.

Willing to spare no expense, he instructs his representative to turn the dream into reality, an extraordinary feat that will require the involvement of Britain's leading fisheries expert who happens to think the project both absurd and unachievable.

That is, until the Prime Minister's overzealous press secretary latches on to it as a 'good will' story. Now, this unlikely team will put it all on the line and embark on an upstream journey of faith and fish to prove the impossible, possible.

Stars Amr Waked, Emily Blunt, Ewan McGregor and Kristin Scott Thomas.

THE SAMARITAN TBC

NO ESCAPING THE PAST | Samuel L. Jackson stars in *The Samaritan*

AFTER twenty years in prison, Foley (Samuel L. Jackson) is finished with the grifter's life. When he meets an elusive young woman named Iris (Ruth Negga), the possibility of a new start looks real. But his past is proving to be a stubborn companion. Also stars Luke Kirby and Tom Wilkinson.

Forthcoming Events in Chard Guildhall

Every Sunday 10:30 am
FOREFRONT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Church Service - All welcome

Every Tuesday 9:30am & 11:30am
SLIMMING WORLD
Lose weight the extra easy way.
Come along and find out how

Every other Wednesday, next meeting 25th April
10:30am - 12:30pm
MEMORY CAFE
Friendly and informal gathering for information, support and social contact for people affected by dementia

Every Wednesday 7:30pm - 9:15pm
MEETING VOICES in the Town Hall
Song workshops for all "if you can speak you can sing".
Come and join us

Every Thursday, 9am - 2pm
ANTIQUES FAIR
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Now also available for Food and Craft stallholders
Customer admission free, refreshments and lunches available
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Every Thursday, 7:45 pm - 8:30 pm
ZUMBA FITNESS
Exciting latin moves - A fun based fitness party workout
For information call 07738 014409 or email zumbasom@hotmail.com

THURSDAYS 8am - 2pm **CAFÉ OPEN**

Friday 20th April **Film premiere** A Minority Pastime narrated by Patrick Stewart - doors open at 7:30pm
To reserve your seats please phone 075 275 276 03 or email nisa@aminoritypastime.net

Saturday 5th May 9am - 12:30pm
POPULAR FAYRE
Admission free, refreshments available

Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th May
BLOOD DONORS - Will be taking place in The Guildhall

Saturday 12th May
'May Masked Ball'
Presented by Chard and District Carnival Committee in support of Headway Somerset and RNLI. Tickets cost £25 per person (tables of 10 only £20 per person) includes a three course meal and live entertainment, Bar available. Menu and booking forms available from Chard Tourist Information Centre.
Dress code Lounge suits - Mask Optional.

Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm
CHARD TOWN COUNCIL RECEPTION

We have many other events taking place.
For further details please contact
Chard Town Council, The Guildhall, Chard
Tel: 01460 239 567
WWW.CHARD.GOV.UK

CINEMA LISTINGS

Friday, April 20th - Thursday, April 26th

ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

YEOVIL CINEWORLD

Yeo Leisure Park, Old Station Rd
Tel: 0871 200 2000
www.cineworld.co.uk

Battleship 12A
Fri, Mon & Tue: 14.15, 17.15, 20.15, 21.15 / Sat & Sun: 11.15, 14.15, 17.15, 20.15, 21.15
Wed: 4.15, 17.15, 20.15
The Cabin In The Woods 15
Daily: 16.40, 19.15, 21.30
Titanic *in 3D* 12A
Fri-Wed: 15.45, 19.45
(plus 11.45 on Sat & Sun)
Pirates! In A Adventure With Scientists U
in 3D Daily: 14.20, 16.30, 18.40 (not Sat) (plus 12.10 on Sat & Sun)
in 2D U Fri-Wed: 13.00, 15.10, 17.20(plus 10.50 on Sat & Sun)
The Hunger Games 12A
Fri-Wed: 14.30, 17.30, 20.45
Sat & Sun: 11.30, 14.30, 17.30, 20.45
Thu: 20.45 only
Salmon Fishing In The Yemen 12A
Daily: 13.10, 15.40, 18.10, 20.40
(plus 10.40 on Sat & Sun)
Gone 15
Daily: 13.55, 16.20, 18.40, 21.00
(plus 11.40 on Sunday)
Lockout 15
14.20, 16.50, 19.10, 21.30
(plus 12.00 on Sat & Sun)
Headhunters TBC
Fri-Wed: 20.00 only
Mirror Mirror PG
Fri-Wed: 12.30, 15.00, 17.30
Streetdance *in 2D* 12A
Fri-Wed: 12.20, 14.30 / Thu: 14.30 only
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel 12A Fri-Wed: 19.30
Avengers Assemble TBC
in 3D Thu only: 12.40, 14.10, 14.50, 15.50, 17.20, 19.00, 20.30, 21.15
in 2D Thu only: 13.20, 16.30, 18.00, 19.45
Filarmonica Della Scala 30th Anniversary - LIVE TBC Sat: 18.45
Hop U Sat only: 10.00am
Horrid Henry U Sat only: 10.10am
Puss In Boots U Sat only: 10.20am

TAUNTON ODEON

Heron Gate, Riverside
Tel: 0871 22 44 007
www.odeon.co.uk

21 Jump Street 15
Fri-Mon & Wed: 21.10
Battleship 12A
Daily: 14.45 (not Mon) 17.45, 20.40 (plus 11.45 on Sat & Sun)
Cabin In The Woods 15
Mon-Wed: 13.45, 16.00, 18.30, 21.00
Thu: 21.00
Lockout 15
Daily: 14.00, 16.30, 19.00, 21.20
Mirror Mirror PG
Fri, Mon & Wed: 13.30, 16.15, 18.45
Sat & Sun: 11.00, 13.30, 16.15, 18.45
Tue: 16.15 only
Thu: 12:15 only
Salmon Fishing In The Yemen 12A
Daily: 13.00, 15.30, 18.00, 20.30
StreetDance 2 *in 3D* PG
Thu: 14.50 / Sat & Sun: 10.50
The Hunger Games 12A
Fri-Wed: 14.15, 17.15, 20.15
(plus 11.15 on Sat & Sun)
Thu: 12.00, 15.00, 18.00
Pirates! In A Adventure With Scientists U
in 3D Sat & Sun: 11.30am
in 2D U Fri-Mon 13.15, 15.45, 18.15 (plus 10.40am on Sat & Sun) / Tue: 13.15, 18.15
Thu: 11.30 only
Titanic *in 3D* 12A
Daily: 16.00, 20.00 (plus 12.00 on Sat, Sun & Thu)
Wrath Of The Titans *in 3D* 12A
Fri-Wed: 20:50
Avengers Assemble TBC
in 3D Thu only: 10.20, 12.50, 13.40, 16.10, 17.00, 19.30, 20.20
in 2D Thu only: 11.10, 14.30, 17.50, 21.10

LYME REGIS REGENT

Broad Street, Lyme Regis
Tel: 0871 230 3200
www.scottcinemas.co.uk

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel 12A
Fri-Sun: 19:55 Mon & Tue: 17:10
Wed: 14:25 17:10
We Bought A Zoo PG
Fri-Sun: 17:10 Mon-Wed: 20:00
Avengers Assemble *in 3D* 12A
Thu only: 16:35 19:40
Pirates! In An Adventure With Scientists *in 3D* 12A
Sat & Sun only: 15:00

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Nicky Watson, Lyme Bay Medical Practice, Silver Street, Lyme Regis, DT7 3HT or call 01297 443399 for more information.

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To apply send your CV and covering letter to HR Department, Daido Industrial Bearings, Europe Ltd, Winterhay Lane, Winterhay, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 9PH or by email to hr@daidoeurope.com

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To apply send your CV and covering letter to Derrick Sherry, Crewkerne Horticultural, North Street, Crewkerne, Somerset, TA18 7AW or by email to crewhort@hotmail.com

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WASHINGMACHINE Beko, under guarantee. "A+" rated. Never used Cost £190, now £125. 01297 443823
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RECLINER CHAIR Electric, top of range, vgc. Dark red £280 ono. 01297 443823
HOTPOINT WDF 60 dishwasher never used £90 01308 424614
SOLID oak chest of drawers has been painted white buyer collects £80 01308 422763
ANTIQUE pine cupboard £189 victorian pine sideboard £349 4 rush chairs and carver £119 01308 422763
VICTORIAN pine pedestal table £299 Victorian pine chest of drawers £249 buyer collects 01308 422763
PERFORMANCE pro' quiet garden shredder electric new unused 240v 2400 watt 38mm cut £40 01297 442266
THREE piece suite terracotta colour £130 ono 01308 898096
PRETTY pratts of Bardford gentlemans wardrobe c1930 £40 01297 443769
HOTPOINT aquarius washing machine good working order, move forces sale, available end May £50 01305 871056
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HOTPOINT tumble dryer good working order, move forces sale £45 available end May 01305 871056
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CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

THE GUILDHALL, FORE STREET, CHARD, SOMERSET TA20 1PP www.chard.gov.uk
TEL: 01460 239567 FAX: 01460 261661
Mayor – Cllr Mrs Cath Morrison
Town Clerk – Sarah Robson MILCM

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

You are invited to the Annual Parish Meeting of Chard Town, at the Guildhall, Chard, in the Auditorium on TUESDAY 1st May 2012 at 7.00 pm.
The meeting will consider the items set out below.
Councillor Mrs. C Morrison, Mayor of Chard

1. Confirm Minutes of the Last Annual Town Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd May 2011
2. Matters Arising
3. Mayor's Annual Report
4. Police Report
5. Presentation of Outstanding Service Awards
6. Presentation of Cheques to Mayor's Charities
7. Matters Raised by Chard Residents

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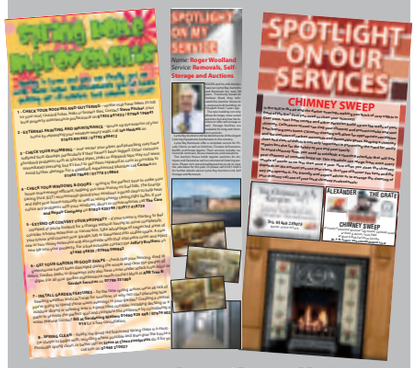

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Outdoor season gets underway

CHARD BOWLING CLUB
with Penny Herrick

WHAT a "wicked" weekend for Chard Bowling Club. Short Mat, Lawn Green and Social Members all joined together on Friday evening to play Bingo!

Sheila Tinley has been organising these evenings throughout the winter months for the last five years and had decided that it was time to step back.

The club Committee wishes to thank Sheila for all the hard work and time she has given so freely in supporting the Club.

On Saturday, 14th April brought the "Opening of the Green" and members celebrated being able to play outside again on a very cold, grey afternoon.

We started off with the "Spider" which was won by Vic Barnard.

This was followed by three games, six ends each, of triples, where the leading lady was Pauline Small and the lead man was Ron Genge.

These scores will be added to the "Closing of the Green" scores in September for the White Rose Trophy.

The following day was the Club's Open Day from 11am until 4pm. Prospective new members were welcomed to the Club and given free guidance on how to play the game.

Short mat members united with lawn green bowlers to make this event a success. Fourteen prospective new members attended and enjoyed the social atmosphere and refreshments.

As a result of this we now have 10 new applicants of whom three are of County standard.

The Club is now looking forward to the coming season and taking part in the newly formed Wessex Mixed Triples League.

If anyone is interested in playing bowls, please contact either Chairman, Edwin Herrick on 01460 929794, or Secretary, Rosie Barnard on 01460 65763.

■ **OFF WE GO**: Ilminster Bowls Club held its 82nd Opening of the Green last Sunday. The opening was well attended and, on a nice sunny afternoon, the club President Dot Whelan bowled the first wood of what will hopefully be a very busy and successful season. Anyone, young or old, who would like to join in the outdoor season can contact the club on 01460 52268.

■ **CHARD members pictured before the opening wood**

■ **WELL DONE**: Chard BC Chairman, Edwin Herrick, with leading lady Pauline Small

SOMERSET SENIOR FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

WITH HOWARD LARCOMBE

Saints and Blues still in promotion mix

AFTER a creditable 1-1 draw with Champions-elect Cadbury Heath in their final home game of the season Chard Town slipped to a 2-0 defeat at Oldland Abbotonians on Wednesday evening.

Sam Spurway put the Robins ahead on Saturday only to be later sent-off after receiving two yellow cards as the Chocolate men grabbed a late leverller courtesy of a hotly disputed penalty.

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cadbury Hth	35	25	8	2	85	29	83
Melksham Utd	34	24	5	5	75	38	77
Calne Town	36	21	7	8	60	34	70
Gillingham Tn	33	19	6	8	78	52	63
Bradford Town	36	16	10	10	72	44	58
CHARD TOWN	35	15	7	13	62	53	52
Welton Rovers	35	14	7	14	60	56	48

SOMERSET LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

ILMINSTER Town manager Darren Manley had few complaints as his side suffered league cup semi-final heartache as they were beaten 3-0 by Langford Rovers at the Rec last Saturday.

"They (Langford) were a really good strong and physical side – but I was pleased with the way we performed," said Manley who saw Jamie Green go closest to scoring with an effort that came back off the upright.

Ilminster entertain Saltford tomorrow with injuries causing a worry for Manley, he said: "Both Rob Stubbins and Johnny Manley are carrying back injuries, whilst Mike McCormack could be out for a month after bursting a blood vessel in his calf. Added to this Rich Hebditch is away at a wedding."

There was some good news with the return of Chris May, and Chris Nezianya is available after his wife gave birth to their first child.

Manley is convinced his team will need to win tomorrow and in Tuesday's trip to Castle Cary to put pressure back on the leading pack, he said: "We can't afford to drop points in these games – the likes of Street and Larkhall are sure to get stronger as their Toolstation Western League players become available."

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Weston St John	31	17	3	11	73	55	54
Larkhall Ath	31	16	5	10	62	52	53
Yatton Ath	29	16	4	9	76	50	52
Street	31	16	5	10	49	38	52*
Cleeve West	30	15	6	9	53	35	51
Fry Club	30	14	7	9	75	45	49
ILMINSTER T	27	13	7	7	55	37	46
Burnham Utd	28	13	5	10	61	50	44

DIVISION TWO (WEST)

"WE'RE back on track" was Combe manager Ivor Hutchings' assesment after his team beat Portishead 2-0 at Slades Cross on Saturday.

After a goaless first-half Gary Warren struck from 25 yards to put the Saints ahead and Adam Tovey added a second after a fine nod down by new signing Joe Simmons. "Joe has been with Winsham United all season but we are hopeful he will be with us for the rest of the season. He is a really useful player who adds a threat to our attack," said Hutchings.

Combe travel to Wells City Reserves tomorrow.

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wrington Red	23	14	5	4	64	26	47
Banwell	22	15	2	5	51	33	47
COMBE St NIC	23	14	3	6	46	28	45
Wells City Res	23	13	4	6	43	28	43
Churchill Club	23	11	9	3	57	30	42

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

DIVISION TWO

WITH Tiverton Town confirmed as Champions after a 4-0 at Pinhoe on Wednesday Chard Town Reserves remian in the driving seat to accompany them up into Division One next season.

The Robins hammered Uplowman 4-0 last Saturday with Greg Channing (2), Darren Stewart and an OG making up the quartet.

Chard have no fixture tomorrow but entertain rivals Topsham Town Reserves at Zembard Lane on Tuesday (6.30pm ko).

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tiverton Res	23	20	1	2	80	24	61
CHARD RES	25	15	6	4	51	27	51
Sidmouth Res	26	13	4	9	51	44	43
Topsham Town	22	13	2	7	60	28	41

ON THE SPOT...

***WEEKENDER SPORT* puts Perry Street FC goalkeeper**

Mike Govier

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Q How long have you been involved in the local football scene - who have you played for?

A I have been playing local football for 20 years with Perry Street. I also had a spell at Thorncombe from 1998-2000.

Q Name the three best players you've played alongside and why.

A **Andrew Board** - for his pace and stamina, **Kane Ellis** - for his tackling ability and desire to win, and finally **Richard Warry** - who works hard and plays hard every week.

Q What's the best away ground you've played at?

A The Memorial Ground at **Beaminster** is always a pretty good surface. they have good new changing rooms too.

Q Do any games stick in your memory?

A Many, but most recently when we lost to Lyme Regis in the 2010-11 Coronation cup Final 2-1 at Bridport Town's St Mary's ground.

Q How would you improve things at Perry Street FC?

A It would be great if we could attract more players to the club, and maybe get some cheer leaders!

NEXT WEEK:
Ilminster Town Colts' player-manager
Dan Haines

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SCRUM-DOWN RUGBY round-up

with Keith Jenkin

Title triumph is within Chard's grasp

AS the rugby season nears its end there were several local sides with important games to undertake last Saturday.

HONITON needed two points from their last two games to ensure promotion into the Western Counties West Division. CHARD needed a win to keep their promotion aspirations on track, and DORCHESTER certainly needed to come out on top if they were to make their sniff of a play off place, a reality.

The Chard second side also would have regarded a victory at Taunton thirds to be an essential, I trotted off there.

CHARD 55 NORTH BRISTOL 5

CONDITIONS were good for this vital Western Counties League (North) encounter.

Chard who were less than steady at the first set scrum, rectified their frailty at the second, winning the ball after which an adroit diagonal kick from their midfield worked its way into touch by the North Bristol corner flag.

The visitors won the ensuing line-out, only to get turned over, after which an inside pass put Henly into the gap and he barged his way over by the posts. Nicholls added the extras.

Although the Chard set scrum continued to give the odd problem, they had the better of the first 10 minutes, although North Bristol had certainly not come just to make up the numbers. In fact the next scoring opportunity fell to the visitors, only for their place kick from the home 10 yard line to slide wide.

A second Chard try came around the end of the first quarter, and it came through the pace of George Elliot on the left wing. He took a good cut out pass from one of his midfield and got down the outside channel and scored some five yards in from touch. The try remained unconverted.

The home side suffered something of a set back after 25 minutes, when number eight Wagstaff suffered a dislocated finger. He had running repairs on the pitch however and was able to continue. I felt that the home side had been feeling the importance of the occasion during the first half-hour, but they scored a third try before the break, and it was a good one.

Stead, playing on the right wing, fielded a high kick in his own half and ran the ball back to very good effect. In fact I felt that he would score himself when he was running free inside the visitors' twenty two. He then contrived to trip over however but made the ball available. Play was switched and, from the broken field situation, centre, Douglas got over on the left. This try too remained unconverted and Chard led 17-0 at the halfway stage.

A fourth try arrived early in the second-half. Having set up a maul on halfway, they mauled it deep into North Bristol's territory before sending the ball wide and Ben Stead got over some five yards in from touch.

If the fourth try was good, the fifth was better. It was a solo effort by centre Douglas who got the ball on the visitors' 10 yard line and jinked his way to the posts, leaving several would be tacklers in his wake. Nicholls added the extras and, at 29-0 ahead, Chard were away and clear.

Their next try came with 25 minutes left. They turned over possession near their own line, before launching an attack that went the length of the field ending with Stead running to the posts. Nicholls' conversion was accurate and Chard were home and hosed at 36-0.

They then rang the changes and, although they continued to run well, ball in hand, the odd forward pass blighted their progress a little.

More tries came however. Flanker Lee Carter got the next, again converted by Nicholls.

Although now 43 points adrift, North Bristol then proceeded to have a good five minutes, forcing Chard on to deep defence. They coped initially but, eventually from a set scrum their scrum-half stood off. His eight fed him and he got over halfway out. The conversion kick hit the post leaving the score line at 43-5.

Tom Stokes scored the next home try, touching down between the posts after a good handling movement, for Nicholls to convert and bring up the half-century.

Chard's last try of the game owed much to acumen, and not a little to fitness levels. Their opponents had kicked a penalty award to the corner only for the home pack to read their intentions at the ensuing line-out and for Wagstaff to steal the ball.

They then attacked from deep, changing the point of contact often, and eventually Jim Wagstaff was well up to complete the move that he himself had initiated, and touch down in the corner. The missed conversion kick was the last of the game, as the referee blew the whistle for no side.

It only remained for me to come to grief while negotiating the railing in front of the Chard clubhouse, much to the amusement of several of the home supporters who, like me, had enjoyed Chard's performance!

TAUNTON 3rd 16 CHARD 2nd 22

THIS was exactly the right result for Chard, although it was obtained after a very competitive and rather scrappy encounter.

A four try bonus point came with it, thanks to tries by Jason Wright, Ben Robinson, Jonny Smith and Stuart Gold, who also kicked a conversion.

They were buoyed up even further when the other results of the division came to hand, and showed that rivals North Petherton seconds had been beaten in their final game by Cheddar Valley.

Whatever else, matters regarding promotion are, with just one game left to play, entirely in Chard's hands as they go into their final league game tomorrow.

The Chard third side found the lure of watching their first side take a massive step towards South West Division rugby to be too strong, and conceded their game at Wells thirds.

WIVELISCOMBE 2nd 13 CREWKERNE 40

THE final score certainly did not flatter the visitors, they having crossed the home line on no less then four additional occasions, only to be pulled back owing to the referee being unsighted.

As it was they scored seven tries, with only a single converted touchdown, together with a couple of penalty goals, coming in reply.

Andrew Mosley scored a hat-trick for his side. Nick Harris touched down twice. Scott Johnson, who had recently won a county cap, together with his captain Luke Hill, scored the sixth, and Mike Berry popped up from nowhere to claim the final try.

Out half Dan Godfrey converted one of the tries and kicked a penalty goal to complete the scoring as Crewkerne won with ease to cement themselves into the division's third place.

■ **YES!** Jim Wagstaff wriggles over for Chard's final try in last Saturday's 55-5 win over North Bristol. *Photo by Keith Rendell*

PREVIEW

CHARD are now assured of a play-off place as a minimum reward for their season's labours.

The Western Counties (North) division is a most competitive one and their main, and now only, rivals Old Centralians have clung to Chard's coat tails for much of the season. They are still doing so and remain but three points adrift in second place.

All this means that Chard have to go to GORDON LEAGUE in their final game on Saturday next and win. I watched the earlier game against these opponents way back in September. Chard won it (I think by 46-8) and I remember thinking as I left the ground, "not bad for openers". I did not, in my wildest dreams believe that, if Chard could repeat that performance in the season's final game, they would go up as champions.

Their opponents have not enjoyed the best of seasons and lie near the foot of the division, with relegation a certainty. In fact, if one was to flip the argument; unless Chard win and win well on Saturday next, they will struggle next season if indeed a promotion place does come their way. Realistically, Chard's main opponent will be complacency and, having watched them on Saturday last, that word does not seem to appear in their vocabulary. I take them to win well, and would be prepared to risk the Jenkin 50 pence piece on them doing so.

CREWKERNE on the other hand, have a home game. Having just missed out on a promotion place, they have finished the season well and a win in their final game will keep them in the division's third place. They take on MARTOCK who have won just the once this season and who have been relegation certainties for a number of weeks. Crewkerne should win this one and win it well.

As to the second sides, fortune has favoured Chard seconds recently. Their only rivals for top spot in the Somerset League Division Two (South), North Petherton seconds, lost their final game and Chard are now level with them on points and, if they can avoid losing to Saturday's opponents Tor 2nd by more than seven points, they will end the season as champions.

I think that they will go one better and win this one, for their opponents lie in the bottom half of the league table, and Chard have already beaten them comfortably back in September. Chard thirds have already finished their league campaign.

Tomorrow's Fixtures: Chard v Gordon League (away); Chard 2nd v Tor 2nd; Crewkerne v Martock.

TRIBUTE WESTN N	Pd	Pts
CHARD	**25**	**108**
Old Centralians	25	104
Matson	25	95
Hornets	25	70*
Burnham-on-Sea	25	69*
Keynsham	25	68
Barton Hill	25	68
North Bristol	24	62
Bristol Harlequins	25	54
Cirencester	25	49
Whitehall	25	36
Yatton	24	33
Gordon League	25	18
Stroud	25	15

(* adjusted)

TRIBUTE SOM 2 (Sth)	Pd	Pts
North Petherton II	24	103
CHARD II	**23**	**103**
CREWKERNE	**23**	**85**
Cheddar Valley	23	81
Minehead Barbar II	23	62
Somerton	23	56
Taunton III	23	56
Tor II	23	49*
Wiveliscombe II	23	37*
Ivel Barbarians II	23	34*
Bridgwater & Alb III	23	27*
Morganians	23	22
Martock	23	6

(* adjusted)

TRIBUTE SOM 3 (Sth)	Pd	Pts
Burnham-on-Sea II	14	64
Wyvern	14	52
CHARD III	**14**	**39**
Wells III	14	36
Tor III	14	33
North Petherton III	14	25
Castle Cary II	14	10*
Minehead Barbar III	14	9

(Wellington withdrawn)

(* adjusted)

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Wielding the willow

CREWKERNE Cricket Club play their first matches of the season this weekend, following net sessions which have taken place since February.

The club, who will be competing in Dorset League Division 5 North & West this season whilst running a regular Sunday friendly side, have been boosted by a number of new, and former, players returning to the club for the 2012 campaign, whilst retaining the majority of players who played for the club in the previous season.

Ashley Lawrence continues to captain the League side, aided again by Jon Gould as Vice-captain and they start their pre-season preparations with a short visit up the road to East Coker tomorrow for a friendly.

Team from the following: *A Lawrence (Captain), J Gould (Vice-captain), Steve Briggs, G Carr, S Cooper. R Cornelius, J Crease, M Culpitt, S Garaway, T Isaac, R James, N Keylock, Rob Keylock, P Palfrey, D Parsons, S Rowswell.*

Players to meet either at East Coker at 1.30pm or Wadham School 12.45pm for a 2pm start.

Hamish Hodder oversees the first Sunday friendly the following day against his former club Dinder & Croscombe, up at Dinder.

Hodder, aided by Vice-captain Nick Bodger, will be looking to give a number of the club's promising Under 14s their debut throughout the season.

At the time of going to press the team had not been selected but all selected players will either meet Dinder 1.30pm or Wadham School 12.45pm for a 2pm start.

Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom

We have to believe in Gary

ANYONE who has read my column this season will know that I was not a fan of Terry Skiverton's style of management and tactics, and felt that he needed help to stop the club from being relegated.

That help appeared in the guise of Gary Johnson who after his first spell at Huish Park has elevated him alongside Alec Stock as Yeovil's greatest manager.

The way he has transformed the club's fortunes on the field with virtually the same players has been remarkable, although their form of late has seen them slide back towards a possible threat of relegation.

Their latest run of four defeats in the last six included last Saturday's 6-0 drubbing by Stevenage, their biggest defeat as a Football League side.

I trust in Gary to ensure League One status next season, and hopefully one where we are not constantly looking up at everyone and fearing demotion, as we have in the past couple of years.

However I am troubled at his insistence that Chelsea loanee Sam Walker is going to make a top Premiership keeper.

You may ask who am I and what qualifications do I have to make such a statement.

Well, none is the truth, except I have witnessed some poor displays by the 19-year-old in recent weeks at Huish culminating in the Stevenage debacle where I felt he could have prevented four of the goals.

Okay, when an outfield player makes an error often he gets away with it, but a goalkeeper's mistake often results in a goal, and that highlights the situation.

From what I have seen at home this season, Walker appears a reasonably good shot stopper, and both Johnson and fellow supporter friends of mine who have travelled to away matches say he has had a couple of excellent games.

I also appreciate that he is at Yeovil to gain experience and that involves learning from mistakes, but he does not appear to learn from them.

At 6' 7" I would expect him to dominate his penalty area, but he seems reluctant to leave his line and is slow to react.

I felt he could have stopped the first two had he closed the player down quicker.

The third, although from close range, went through his hands - and as for the fourth I don't know what he was doing when Lascelles was given a free header on the line from a corner.

To be fair he wasn't the only one who had a poor game, most of the team did, and despite the scoreline and being reduced to ten men for the last hour following a stupid foul by Michael Woods, Yeovil had plenty of chances to have scored a few themselves.

Andy Williams who had been scoring for fun recently, missed three chances that he would have normally buried when the score was 1-0.

With three games left, two against sides like the Glovers fighting relegation, they should be okay and with Gary at the helm we can all look forward to better days.

Crewkerne Skittles

DIVISIONAL CUP FINAL RESULTS

Division One: Headhunters beat Muddled men by 38 pins.

Division Two: Stray Cats beat Raptors by 36 pins.

Division Three: Merriott Men beat Numpties by 13 pins.

Ilminster Skittles

Cups round-up

Semi-final IDSL Cup

Wyndham Arms 332 (Al 49) Donyatt Bowling Club 369 (P.Kneeshaw 55).

Final IDSL CUP

Donyatt Bowling Club v Royals or Wyndham Clangers (at Ilton Cricket Club Thursday, May 10th)

IDSL Nomination Cup

Semi-final: Ashill Inn 228 (N.Dopson 49) Carnival Clingons 302 (A.Davis 48).

IDSL Nomination Cup Final Thursday, 3rd May: Flying Turkeys v Carnival Clingons tbc

Division One highest score of season: M.Rowley (Carnival Clingons) 84

Division Two highest score of season: R.Bool (Wyndham Clangers) 63.

STREET SCENE

HOWARD LARCOMBE
reporting on the Perry Street League

Shepton Beauchamp back in premier

KENNY HODGES CUP FINAL
ILMINSTER TOWN A 3 LYME REGIS BANTAMS 4
Tuesday, April 17th - at Drimpton FC

ILMINSTER Town A's proud 13-game unbeaten record was ended as Lyme Regis Bantams upset the form book to win the Kenny Hodges Cup for the first time in their long history.

The match started in amazing fashion with the Seasiders taking the lead after just five seconds! Kicking up the slope at Drimpton the kick-off was rolled back to Ally Rattenbury, who immediately launched a ball to the edge of the Blues area where Tim Edwards neatly lifted the ball over the advancing Jack Richards in the Ilminster goal.

Ilminster responded and thought they had a justifiable penalty claim when Paul Oliver went down in the Lyme box but referee Phil Hartley said no.

In the 21st minute Kev Crouch headed over from four yards after Luke Woodard had headed the ball back across the goal from a far post position.

But the equaliser was just moments away. Oliver slid a ball into the six-yard box and this time Crouch made no mistake.

But Lyme regained the lead in the 35th minute when a Rattenbury free-kick was collected by Richards, but the Blues gloveman then proceeded to spill the ball after colliding with a defender and PSL top-scorer Pete peacock pounced for his 41st goal of the campaign.

Richards atoned three minutes later with a superb point-blank save to keep out an Edwards diving header.

But the game was effectively decided by a Seasiders double-strike just moments before the half-time interval.

First Fred Thomson crossed for teenage winger Rhys Evans to slot home at the far post and then an Evans volley that was heading wide took a big deflection off a defender to give Richards no chance.

Ilminster pulled one back 10 minutes after the restart when Lyme skipper Wallace Blackmore was penalised for handball and Crouch tucked away the resulting penalty.

Crouch went close again soon after when he surged through only to shoot wide when well placed.

Then substitute Rich Wilmott had an effort tipped round the post by 'keeper Rob Thom. The Blues gave themselves some hope when Luke Woodard was felled in the area in the 75th minute and Crouch once again netted from 12 yards to complete his third hat-trick of the season.

But any hopes of Ilminster forcing extra-time were effectively ended a minute later when defender Mark Brown kicked-out at Thomson and was shown a straight red card.

There was still time for one last chance when Oliver's chip beat Thom but was hooked off the line by Rattenbury.

Top performers for the Blues were centre-back Jake Woodard and midfielder Nathan Davenport.

Ilminster A team: *Jack Richards, Gethyn Jenkins (captain), Matt Wood, Nathan Davenport, Jake Woodard, Mark Brown, Paul Oliver, Kev Crouch, Simon Manley, Luke Woodard, Ben Brister. Subs: Matt Williams, Tom Callow, Rich Wilmott, Ken Timson, Matt Brown.*

Saturday, April 14th

THERE will be a new name on the **Daisy Hutchings Cup** after Dowlish & Donyatt and Millwey Rise Reserves booked their places in the Final scheduled for May 11th (venue to be confirmed).

Dowlish thrashed Division Two promotion rivals South Petherton 8-2 with Nathan Doey bagging a hat-trick and top-scorer Andy North scoring twice to take his tally for the season up to 24. Mark Padfield scored both consolations for Pethy who suffered their biggest defeat for three and half years.

PREMIER

BACK in the League goals from Jay Bailey (2), Kyran Bailey and Ben Stevens helped Perry Street clamber out of the drop zone after a 4-1win over Crewkerne Town. Jamie Spurdle netted the Tigers' 88th minute consolation.

South Petherton manager Gordon Childs took the opportunity to rest several of his key players in light of the pending Somerset Junior Cup Final.

And they were made to pay as Jamie McClements, Dave Penn, Andy Mapstone and goalkeeper Adam Herring (a late penalty) scored the goals for Beaminster who clinched the runners-up spot – their highest finish since returning to the Premier division some seven seasons ago – with a 4-0 victory.

■ WILL APLIN (Shepton Beauchamp)

DIVISION ONE

A LATE Adam Male header salvaged what could prove to be a crucial point as Ilminster Colts came back from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 at Lyme Regis Reserves.

Shepton Beauchamp also returned from their travels with a point from a 2-2 draw. Anthony Smith's side now need just a solitary point from their two remaining games, both at home, against Beaminster Reserves and Perry Street Reserves.

Meanwhile Ben McCafferey scored the winner as Perry Street Reserves moved up a place to seventh after a 2-1 win at struggling Beaminster Reserves.

DIVISION TWO

A DARREN Kosmalski double helped boost Misterton Reserves survival hopes as they hammered Hinton 6-0 – a result which brings the curtain down on a tough campaign for the relegated Saints.

Club stalwarts Luke Chubb and Mike Bagg called time on their Chard Rangers careers but may have wished they had picked a better game as Rangers were mauled 10-0 at Jocelyn Park by Crewkerne Town Reserves. Aaron Hodges netted four for the Tigers who have all-but clinched promotion to Division One.

Elsewhere Thorncombe made it six wins in seven as their superb end of season form continued with Darren de Pasquale and Staurt Packer on target in a 2-1 win over Crewkerne Rangers.

■ AARON HODGES (Crewkerne Town Res)

DIVISION THREE

WITH the top two both failing to win Combe A took full advantage with Warren Gabbidon scoring a hat-trick in a 5-0 win at Shepton Reserves.

A double from Tom Newport appeared to have given leaders Chard United a vital win against visiting Winsham United. But Winsh player-manager Richard White popped up with a last minute leveller in a 2-2 draw.

United manager James Govier said:"I will admit Winsham played well, but it was two points dropped, we should have done better and we will have to raise our game in the next two weeks to have any chance of promotion."

The point did at least extend Chard's lead at the top to two points after rivals' Waytown Hounds slump continued with a 3-0 home defeat at the hands of Luso-Chard.

DIVISION FOUR

A BRACE from skipper Gethyn Jenkins in a 3-1 win at Barrington Reserves has taken Ilminster Town A a step closer to Division Three and the championship trophy.

■ ILMINSTER Town Colts squad: Line-up,standing from left; Dan Haines (player-manager), Adam Male (captain), Liam Ryall, Steve Garland, Danny Whaites, Tim Cox, Mike Usher. Front: Joe Kingman, Taylor Jefferson, Dan Horgan, Adam Whaites (assistant-manager), Josh House, Dan Edwards. *Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE*

Chard United Reserves completed their campaign by beating rivals Chard Rangers 7-1 with veteran Andy Contreras bagging four. United Manager Steve Scriven said: "We have done all we can, if Lyme and Thorncombe win all their remaining fixtures, then fair play to them, they will deserve to get promoted, all we can do is sit and wait to see whether we will go up or not, we won't know until potentially the 5th of May - tense moments!"

Thorncombe Reserves are still firmly in the running after hammering Hawkchurch Reserves 11-3 with James Johnson grabbing a hat-trick.

Wednesday, April 18th
SOMERSET JUNIOR CUP FINAL
ODD DOWN 2 SOUTH PETHERTON 0
(at Wells City FC)

SOUTH Petherton's hopes of salvaging a trophy from what, by their high standards, has been a bitterly disappointing season, ended under the floodlights at Wells City on Wednesday evening.

Opponents Odd Down scored twice in the first-half of the Melhuish & Saunders sponsored Somerset Junior Cup Final and cruised to victory.

Pethy secretary Ray Cooper said: " We've no complaints, they were a good side, we battled hard in the second-half but couldn't break them down."

PREMIER
ILMINSTER TOWN RESERVES 1 CREWKERNE TOWN 2

BARRY Hayne and Jamie Spurdle scored the goals which look to have earned Crewkerne Town a third placed finish in the Premier division and completed a league doubleafter a 2-1 win at Ilminster Reserves.

Top scorer Mike Whitefield netted his 12th of the season for the fast-fading Blues who slipped to their sixth successive defeat.

DIVISION ONE
MILLWEY RISE 6 FORTON RANGERS 0
SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP 1 BEAMINSTER RESERVES 0

A GOAL from Will Aplin was enough to confirm Shepton Beauchamp's return to the top division after an absence of seven years.

Aplin's strike was enough to beat Beaminster Reserves 1-0 – a result which boosts Ilminster Colts' hopes of beating the drop.

Shepton' promotion was rubber-stamped by Millwey Rise thrashing Forton Rangers 6-0.

DIVISION TWO
DOWLISH & DONYATT 4 CREWKERNE RANGERS 5

THERE was a shock result on the Dowlish slope where the hosts' slim promotion hopes were hit by a 5-4 defeat by Crewkerne Rangers.

Dowlish led 4-3 with five minutes remaining but a double-strike from Simon Denslow, the winner, a penalty came with almost the last kick of the game.

Josh Lovatt, Scott Isaacs and Liam Adams scored Rangers' other goals. Matt Vinall, Lee Mears, Andy North and Lance Joslyn scored for the hosts who were missing regular 'keeper Jamie Lee.

The result confirms Crewkerne Town Reserves' promotion to Division One and gives real hope to Rangers, who ended a seven-game losing run, of beating the drop, alongside, Hinton back down into Division Three

DIVISION FOUR

Combe B 2 Farway United Reserves 1

A DOUBLE from Graham Cleal earned The Saints all three points from the visit of Farway United Reserves.

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES
(2.30pm ko unless stated)
PREMIER
Farway United v Crewkerne Town (2pm)
West & Middle Chinnock v Combe Reserves
Winsham United v South Petherton (2pm)
DIVISION ONE
Beaminster Reserves v Barrington
Millwey Rise v Norton Athletic (2pm)
Perry Street Reserves v Ilminster Town Colts
DIVISION TWO
Crewkerne Town Reserves v Charmouth
Dowlish & Donyatt v Thorncombe
Pymore v Uplyme
South Petherton Res v Misterton Reserves
DIVISION THREE
Chard United v Luso-Chard
Millwey Res v W & M Chinnock Res (4.15pm)
Winsham Res v Waytown Hounds (4.15pm)
DIVISION FOUR
Chard Rangers Reserves v Combe B
Farway United Res v Thorncombe Reserves
Hawkchurch Res v Lyme Regis Bantams
Ilminster Town A v Crewkerne Rangers Reserves

Wednesday, April 25th (all 6.15pm ko)
PREMIER
Ilminster Town Reserves v Lyme Regis
South Petherton v Combe Reserves
DIVISION THREE
Millwey Rise Reserves v Combe A
Shepton Beauchamp Res v Forton Rangers Res
DIVISION FOUR
Ilminster Town A v Lyme Regis Bantams

Friday, April 27th
TOMMY TABBERER FINAL
Dowlish & Donyatt v Uplyme
(*at Lyme Regis FC - 6.15pm ko*)

AS THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Lyme Regis	18	17	1	0	64	52
Beaminster	20	13	5	2	31	44
Winsham	18	11	3	4	18	36
Crewkerne	17	8	3	6	19	27
Ilminster Res	17	7	2	8	-2	23
Combe Res	17	5	5	7	-10	20
Farway Utd	17	6	1	10	-14	19
S Petherton	14	5	3	6	2	18
Perry Street	19	4	2	13	-22	14
W&M Chinn	19	3	3	13	-36	12
Merriott R*	18	3	2	13	-50	10

DIV ONE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Millwey Rise	18	15	2	1	59	47
Shepton B	19	14	4	1	28	46
Forton Ran	20	12	2	6	11	38
Misterton	18	11	4	3	16	37
Netherbury	20	10	3	7	12	33
Lyme Reserves	19	7	4	8	-14	25
Perry St Res	18	6	2	10	-25	20
Barrington	19	5	3	11	-6	18
Beaminster Rs	18	3	2	13	-15	11
Ilminster Colts	18	2	4	12	-27	10
Norton Ath	19	2	2	15	-39	8

DIV TWO	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Crewkerne Res	17	13	1	2	45	40
S Pethertn Res	16	12	2	2	31	38
Dowlish & Don	18	9	5	4	29	32
Thorncombe	18	10	2	6	8	32
Uplyme	18	9	4	5	37	31
Pymore	18	10	1	7	28	31
Chard Rangers	20	6	5	9	-19	23
Crewk Rangers	18	5	2	9	-12	17
Misterton Res*	17	5	3	9	-36	17
Charmouth*	17	4	4	9	-19	15
Hinton*	20	1	0	19	-86	2

DIV THREE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Chard Utd	18	11	4	3	21	37
Waytown Hnds	18	11	2	5	14	35
Combe A	18	10	4	4	14	34
Luso-Chard	18	9	2	7	10	29
Chinnock Res	16	8	2	6	9	26
Millwey Res	16	7	3	6	6	24
Hawkchurch	19	6	4	9	-4	22
Winsham Res	18	5	4	9	-10	19
Drimpton	19	5	4	10	-17	19
Forton Res*	15	4	3	8	-26	12
Shepton Res	17	3	2	12	-17	11

DIV FOUR	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Chard Utd Res	20	13	3	4	16	42
Ilminster A	16	13	1	2	52	40
Thorncombe Res	18	11	4	3	38	37
Combe B	18	9	2	7	9	29
Lyme Bantams	15	9	1	5	25	28
Barrington Res	19	8	5	6	15	28
Farway Res*	17	6	4	7	0	21
Uplyme Res	20	6	1	13	-54	19
Crew Rang Res*	17	6	1	10	-9	16
Chard Rang Res	19	3	1	15	-42	10
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***Division Two**: S.Packer (Thorncombe) 26, A.North (Dowlish)25, G.Fowler (Uplyme) 24.*
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